



St Paul's School News

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Musical Celebration Evening—Monday 6th March

We have many stand-out events in our school calendar, and the Musical Celebration Evening held earlier this week has to be right up there. The evening was simply magical, with children delighting all present with their confident playing, singing and marvellous teamwork. The school orchestra was once again stunning. The children's ability to perform together to such an impressive standard was very impressive. Huge thanks must go to the parents who run the orchestra, Zoe Eborn and Helen Wharmby. The Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6 choirs sang their catchy (and tricky) contributions with real enthusiasm and skill, whilst a plethora of soloists and small groups of musicians wowed us with their confidence and talent.

A truly wonderful evening. Thank you to everyone who organised it, attended, and of course a huge thank you to all the children for sharing their musical talents with us.



Parents Information Evening re School Finance -Monday 13th March at 7.30pm at the School

Just a reminder that the school's Governing Body are holding an information evening for parents to discuss how we in the school community - parents, governors, FOSPA and staff - can work together to find solutions to our considerable financial pressures, and continue to provide the outstanding education our children receive.

There are three aims for the evening:

1. To give you as parents the opportunity to understand more about the school's financial situation.
2. To deal with any concerns or queries you may have.
3. To invite and discuss ideas of how you could help.



Y3 visit to Wakehurst Place

Y3 had a very enjoyable visit to Wakehurst Place this week. Mrs Speight (Hawthorn teacher) has provided the following info: "The rain held off and we did lots of working scientifically to find out the conditions needed for growth. We measured wind direction, temperature, took soil samples and



used quadrants to see what plants were growing under deciduous and evergreen trees. We then went into the lab and learnt about all the different parts of a flowering plant and their importance in pollination. We then got to look at some plants under the microscopes which was really exciting.

INSET Days

We have set our last two Inset Days for this academic year. They are as follows:

Monday 5th June (our training will be on teaching Religious Education).

Friday 14th July (to be spent on strategic planning for the next academic year).

Thread Worm ...

Not pleasant, but these critters are doing the rounds in some year groups. Please join the school in reinforcing the importance of washing hands after using the lavatory. Thank you.



Sport in the Spring Term at St Paul's

The Spring term has been very busy for sport, starting off with a netball master class at St John's Leatherhead for the Year 5 and 6 Netball team. The children were fortunate enough to be taught by a national coach and experience playing 7 a-side netball.

Having learnt so much from the netball master class, Year 6 were invited back to play a 7 a-side netball tournament with schools from as far afield as London. The girls progressed so well during the course of the afternoon and their determination and teamwork shone out.



Sportshall Athletics was the next major event in the calendar, with Year 5 and 6 children competing in both track and field events. The children showed amazing sportsmanship, encouraging each other as well as encouraging other schools. It was a joy to see. The amazing efforts paid off, with them gaining second place overall.

The Hockey tournament was held at St John's on one of the coldest days of the year. Our mixed Year 5 and 6 team played consistently well, using counter attack to great effect. Once again, our amazing efforts gained us second place overall.

Cross country has also been a great success this year so far. Don't forget to come to the club every Wednesday as there are still 2 more competitions to come.

We also had great success with our Year 4 gymnastics team. They learnt their routines exceptionally well and showed great control, gaining second place overall.



Surrey Youth Games—sports opportunity open to all

There are plenty of opportunities for all children at St Paul's to take part in sport for **free**. Surrey Youth Games is the largest annual sports festival in Surrey. Children can register free online for any sports listed at www.molevalley.gov.uk/syg. The closing date for registering is the 11th April. The more children who register, the more chance the school will have to get free sports equipment!

Y2 visit to London

Last week Year 2 enjoyed a day out in London! They went on The London Eye and took a River Thames boat cruise. They had a fantastic time seeing so many of London's major landmarks during the day. The children behaved so well and were a credit to the school. It was lovely to hear that a member of the public, who was on the boat cruise too, commented on how impressed they were to see such a large group of children behaving so well.

